

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of automatic translation of an electronic communication from a source language to one or more target languages including the steps of:

determining the source language of the electronic communication by identifying a translation identifier or parsing said electronic communication with a language identifier means;

determining the target language for the electronic communication by reading a user profile of a user receiving the electronic communication;

comparing the target language and source language to determine a required translation;

obtaining the required translation; and

displaying only the translated electronic communication to the user, whereby the electronic communication in the source language is not automatically provided to the user.

2. (original) A method of automatic translation of an electronic communication according to claim 1 wherein, the translation identifier is a language identifier such as an HTML tag in an HTML document.

3. (original) A method of automatic translation of an electronic communication according to claim 1 wherein, the translation identifier is a translation information segment.

4. (original) A method of automatic translation of an electronic communication

according to claim 1, wherein, if there is no translation identifier in said electronic communication, the method comprises the further step of: parsing the communication with a language identifier software to determine the source language of the communication; or obtaining human intervention to identify the source language.

5. (original) A method of automatic translation of an electronic communication according to claim 1 wherein the step of determining the target language further includes the step of: reading a cookie or a file on a receiving machine to obtain the user profile or obtaining a preference language from a single sign-on system, such as Microsoft Passport.RTM. or other information repository.

6. (currently amended) A seamless translation system comprising:
an originating computer sending an electronic communication;
a receiving computer receiving a translated electronic communication;
a network connecting the originating computer to the receiving computer; and
a translation manager performing the steps of:
determining the language of the electronic communication;
determining the preferred language of a user of the receiving computer;
obtaining a translation from the language of the communication to the language of the user; and
sending only the translated communication to the user, whereby the electronic communication in the language of the communication is not automatically provided to the user.

7. (currently amended) A seamless translation system comprising:
an electronic communication originating from a source and in a source language containing a translation identifier;
a user profile; and
a translation manager including means for determining the source language and a target language of said electronic communication and means for sending only the translated communication to a user, whereby the electronic communication in the source language is not automatically provided to the user;

wherein the translation manager executes a required translation of said source language to said target language using the translation identifier and the user profile.

8. (currently amended) A seamless translation system comprising:
- an originating computer sending an electronic communication;
 - a receiving computer receiving a translated electronic communication;
 - a network connecting the originating computer to the receiving computer;
 - means for determining the language of the electronic communication;
 - means for determining the preferred language of a user of the receiving computer;
 - means for obtaining a translation from the language of the communication to the language of the user; and
 - means for sending only the translated electronic communication to the user, whereby the electronic communication in the language of the electronic communication is not automatically provided to the user.

9. (currently amended) A seamless translation system according to claim 8 further comprising a translation manager, said translation manager including:
- said means for determining the language of the electronic communication;
 - said means for determining the preferred language of a user of the receiving computer;
 - said means for obtaining a translation from the language of the communication to the language of the user; and
 - said means for sending only the translated electronic communication to the user.